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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-257501, published October 3, 1997 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-286920, published November 1, 1996 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-218047, published August 19, 1997 with English Abstract.
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-161155, published June 18, 1999 with English Abstract.



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5. Japanese Patent No. 3007507, published November 26, 1999 (corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 6-273181, published September 30, 1994 with English Abstract).

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